

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2012-177-WS - ORDER NO. 2012-658

AUGUST 31, 2012

IN RE: Application of Tega Cay Water Service, Inc.)	ORDER APPOINTING
for Adjustment of Rates and Charges and)	HEARING OFFICER
Modifications of Certain Terms and)	
Conditions for the Provision of Water and)	
Sewer Service)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the Commission’s Motion to appoint B. Randall Dong, Esquire, to serve as a hearing officer in the present docket regarding Tega Cay Water Service, Inc.’s Application for Adjustment of Rates and Charges and Modifications of Certain Terms and Conditions for the Provision of Water and Sewer Service. This appointment is in order that the hearing officer may dispose of procedural and evidentiary matters pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-3-40 (Supp. 2011).

Section 58-3-40(C)(1) states that upon the request of any party or any commissioner, the commission may employ a hearing officer who may hear and determine procedural motions or other matters not determinative of the merits of the proceedings. Under (C)(2), the hearing officer has full authority, subject to being overruled by the Commission, to rule on questions concerning the conduct of the case and other matters. Under (C)(3), the officer must be an attorney qualified to practice in all courts of this State with a minimum of eight years’ practice experience.

We find that B. Randall Dong, Esquire, meets these qualifications, and we hereby appoint Mr. Dong as hearing officer in Docket No. 2012-177-WS. As hearing officer in this proceeding, we direct Mr. Dong to rule on appropriate matters in the case and dispose of procedural and evidentiary matters for the proceeding.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. B. Randall Dong, Esquire, is hereby appointed as hearing officer in Docket No. 2012-177-WS (Application of Tega Cay Water Service, Inc. for Adjustment of Rates and Charges and Modifications of Certain Terms and Conditions for the Provision of Water and Sewer Service) for disposition of procedural and evidentiary matters in this proceeding.

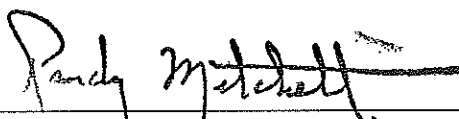
2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



David A. Wright, Chairman

ATTEST:



Randy Mitchell, Vice Chairman
(SEAL)